GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Public Servants - Revision petition - Smt.K.Ramani, former Tahsildar, Gangavaram (M), Chittoor District - Disciplinary proceedings initiated - Imposed a Punishment of Reduction in Rank to Deputy Tahsildar - Appeal fled against the punishment orders - Rejected - Revision petition filed - Admitted - Modifying the punishment as 'Stoppage of one increment without cumulative efectt' Orders - Issued.

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REVENUE (VIGILANCE.III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.186

Dated:15.02.2024

Read the following:

1. Proceedings No.VS.III(1)34'2021'(C.No.1329727),Dt:17.10.2022 of the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P, Mangalagiri.
2. Appeal petition dt:16.02.2023 of Smt.K.Ramani, former Tahsildar, Gangavaram (M), Chittoor District.
3. Memo.No.REV01'LANA0CCLV(DISC)/16/2023'VIG.III(2)6, Dt:10.10.2023.
4. Revision petition dt:Nil.01.2024 of Smt K.Ramani, former Tahsildar, Gangavaram (M), Chittoor District presently working as Deputy Tahsildar, Chittoor Rural Mandal

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ORDER:

Whereas, in the reference 1st read above, orders has been issued imposing a punishment of Reduction in Rank to Deputy Tahsildar against Smt.K.Ramani, former Tahsildar, Gangavaram (M), Chittoor District as the charges regarding recommendation of conversion of agriculture land in Sy.No.245/2 extent 3.10 acres of Keelapalle Village of Gangavaram Mandal stating that no LA proceedings have been initiated or going to be initiate in and around the proposed lands in the village vide Tahsildars lr in Roc.DT/106/2016 dt.02.03.2016 without verifying the records is held proved. Aggrieved by the above orders of the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Smt.K.Ramani, former Tahsildar, Gangavaram (M), Chittoor District has filed an appeal before the Government stating that the alleged lapses/irregularities said to be committed are occurred due to over burden of the work and also for keeping the faith on the subordinate staff only but not wilful. Therefore, she has requested to set aside the above punishment imposed by Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P.

2. After examining the appeal petition of the individual, Government have observed that the charges framed against Smt.K.Ramani, former Tahsildar, Gangavaram (M), Chittoor District was proved and she cannot plead innocence throwing the blame on her Subordinates. Accordingly, the appeal petition was rejected duly confirming the punishment imposed against her by the disciplinary authority.

3. Aggrieved by the above orders, Smt.K.Ramani, former Tahsildar, Gangavaram presently working as Deputy Tahsildar, Chittoor Rural (M), has filed a revision petition before the Government stating that based on the report of the VRO and MRI and Deputy Tahsildar, she forwarded the proposals for conversion of land to the Sub Collector, Madanapalli on 02-03-2016 after observing due process of procedure. The Government of India have issued Notification authorizing the Joint Collector, Chittoor to perform the function of "Competent Authority" under the provisions of National High Ways Act 1956 to acquire the lands for formation of NH4 Road from 133/360 to Km 276/975 (Santhipuram to Allikuppam Section) in Chittoor District vide SO 2477, dated 14-06-2015. Accordingly the notification U/s 3A of National High Way Act, 1956 was published in GoI Gazette. It was also published in news papers on 20-05-2015. As per this notification, the Sy.No.245/1 and 245/2 and also surrounding areas are not figured in the Gazette. Further, she has stated that on 05-04-2016 an additional notification 3A & 3D(1) was published in Gazette of India No.825 in S.O.1317 and 1318 (E), dated 05-04-2016 mentioning the said Sy.Nos.245/1 & 245/2. This notification was issued after the date of sending /forwarding her proposals to the Sub-Collector

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Madanapalli for conversion of lands on 02-03-2016 itself. Further, she has stated that no extra compensation has been paid to the land owner whose land was converted and there is no financial loss to the Govt. She finally stated that she served the department for about 39 years in different cadres without any unblemished and felt that the punishment of major penalty imposed on her of no fault of her injustice; that she has to face humiliation in the society, she has retired as DT and hence requested that the punishment may be set aside and she may be given consequential benefits.

4. And whereas, the revision petition of Smt K.Ramani, former Tahsildar, Gangavaram (M), Chittoor District presently working as Deputy Tahsildar, Chittoor Rural Mandal has been admitted and a personal hearing has been conducted by the competent authority on 05.02.2024.

5. After careful examination of the pleadings of the petitioner during the personal hearing, the competent authority has observed that the charged officer submitted her proposals for conversion of land after issue of notification under NHAI on 20.05.2015 and before additional notification published on 25.04.2016. The subject survey number has been notified in the additional notification only for acquisition under NHAI. She pleaded that she has not committed any irregularities in this matter and also requested to, set aside the major punishment imposed by the CCLA and reinstate her as a Tahsildar.

6. Government, in exercise of the powers conferred under rule-40 of A.P.C.S (CC&A) Rules, 1991, here by revoke the major punishment of Reduction in rank as Deputy Tahsildar imposed against Smt K.Ramani, former Tahsildar, Gangavaram (M), Chittoor District, duly restoring her original position of Tahsildar. However, a punishment of Stoppage of one increment without cumulative effect is imposed against her as she is going to retire from service within three months.

7. The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Mangalagiri shall take necessary further action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

AJAY JAIN IAS,
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT(FAC)

To:
Smt.K.Ramani, former Tahsildar, Gangavaram (M), Chittoor District through the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Mangalagiri.
The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Mangalagiri.

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